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1. PRAVDA MARCH 13 CHARGES THAT PEKING HAS
ACCEPTED A DE FACTO TWO-CHINA SITUATION IN TOLERATING
U.S. AND JAPANESE OFFICIAL AND COMMERCIAL PRESENCE ON
TAIWAN. ARTICLE BY YE. RUSAKOV BELITTLES RECENT
RESURGENCE IN CHINA OF "LEBERATE TAIWAN" SLOGANS,
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E.G., ON FEB. 28 ANNIVERSARY OF UPRISING ON TAIWAN,

PURPOSE OF WHICH HE SAYS WAS TO HOODWINK MASSES.
IN FACT, HE NOTES, TENTH CCP CONGRESS MATERIALS OMITTED
LANGUAGE OF PREVIOUS CONGRESSES ON U.S. OCCUPATION OF
TAIWAN, AND CHOU REPORTEDLY ASSURED JAPAN OF SAFETY OF
ITS NATIONALS ON TAIWAN.

2. PRAVDA GOES ON TO ACKNOWLEDGE PEOPLE'S DAILY
ASSERTION THAT SOVIETS ALSO SEEK CONTACT WITH GRC, BUT
TERMS THIS ANTI-SOVIET SLANDER BY WHICH MAOISTS MASK
THEIR OWN TREASON. RECALLING STATEMENT BY SEN. JACOB
JAVITS IN 1969 THAT SINO-SOVIET BORDER CLASH SHOULD
REDUCE PRC PRESSURE FOR RETURN OF TAIWAN, ARTICLE
SAYS JAVITS WAS PROPHETIC.

3. COMMENT: LIKE PREVIOUS SOVIET RIPOSTE TO PRC
MEDIA ON TAIWAN ISSUE (REFTEL A), EMPHASIS IS MORE ON
PROVING THAT PEKING ITSELF CONDONES STATUS QUO THAN ON
DENYING SOVIET INTEREST IN TAIWAN. SOVIETS EVIDENTLY
BELIEVE THEY ENJOY DIPLOMATIC LEVERAGE IN DANGLING A
POSSIBLE TAIWAN CONNECTION BEFORE PEKING, ALTHOUGH THE
PROSPECTS FOR REALIZING IT ARE STILL UNCERTAIN (REFTEL
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